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**Worksheet**  
**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

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**OFFICE:** Lake Havasu Field Office (LHFO) AZ-C030

**TRACKING NUMBER:** DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2014-0012-DNA

**CASE FILE NUMBER:** AZA PHX 083786

**PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:** Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Transmission Line Amendment #8

**LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona  
T. 21 N., R. 21 W.  
Sec. 19, N½

Containing 4.132 acres.

**APPLICANT (if any):**

DOE - Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

**A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) will remove the existing static wire and install overhead optical ground wire (OPGW) between the Davis Dam 69-kV Switchyard and Bullhead Tap owned by Mohave Electric Cooperative. Construction will occur at DAD-MKT structure number 0-1 through 0-4, and the Bullhead Tap and the Davis Dam 69-kV switchyard. Fiber splice boxes will be installed near the legs of each take-off structure. Temporary ground disturbance may take place within a 50' radius of each structure. No blading will take place. Work vehicles will utilize existing roads and rights-of-way. Up to 4' of trenching is expected to take place between the base of the Davis Dam take-off structure within the 69-kV switchyard and an existing cable duct bank. No trenching will take place as part of this project at the MEC Bullhead Tap.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: *Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan*

Date Approved/Amended: May, 2007

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): Lake Havasu Field Office may allow the use of the public lands or interests in lands through issuance of ROWs, leases, and permits. The types of uses that would be authorized by a ROW issued pursuant to Title 5 FLPMA would include access roads, power lines, telephone lines, fiber optic systems, communications facilities, and so forth. Examples of uses authorized pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act include crude oil pipelines and oil and gas pipelines. Typical uses authorized by permits would include filming and establishing and maintaining apiary sites.

**C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

*EA-AZ-C010-2011-054-EA, Davis-Kingman Tap 69kV Transmission Line Rebuild; FONSI and DR executed November 29, 2011*

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

Yes, the proposed action is a feature/enhancement of the existing use to the proposed action analyzed in the existing EA. Yes, the optical (OPGW) is within the area of the Davis Dam 69-kV transmission line right-of-way that was analyzed in the EA.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes. There is no new information regarding environmental concerns, interests or resource values that would change the analysis decision.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

No new information is known or new circumstances have arisen that would change the analysis of the new proposed action compared to the proposed action alternative analyzed in the EA.

**4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes. The affects would be similar to those analyzed in the EA prepared for the rebuilding of this power line.

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

Yes. All agencies, Tribes, organizations and members of the public that were believed to have a possible interest or stake in the affected area were included in the scoping of the rebuild project and no comments were received specifically addressing roads in the areas for which Western has made application to amend the right-of-way.

## E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Amanda Dodson	Supervisor	BLM - LHFO
Lisa Stapp	Project Manager	BLM - LHFO
DOE Western Area Power Admin	Applicant	DOE - WAPA

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

### Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

<u>/s/ Lisa Stapp AUTHENTICATED</u>	<u>3/4/2014</u>
Lisa Stapp	Date
Project Lead	

<u>David B. Daniels</u>	<u>                    </u>
Planning and Environmental Coordinator	Date

<u>/s/ Amanda Dodson AUTHENTICATED by L.Stapp</u>	<u>3/4/2014</u>
Amanda Dodson	Date
Assistant Field Manager, Lands & Resources	

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest and appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

## DECISION RECORD

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Date approved: May 10, 2007

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It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

/s/ Kimber Liebhauser AUTHENTICATED by L. Stapp

Signature of the Responsible Official

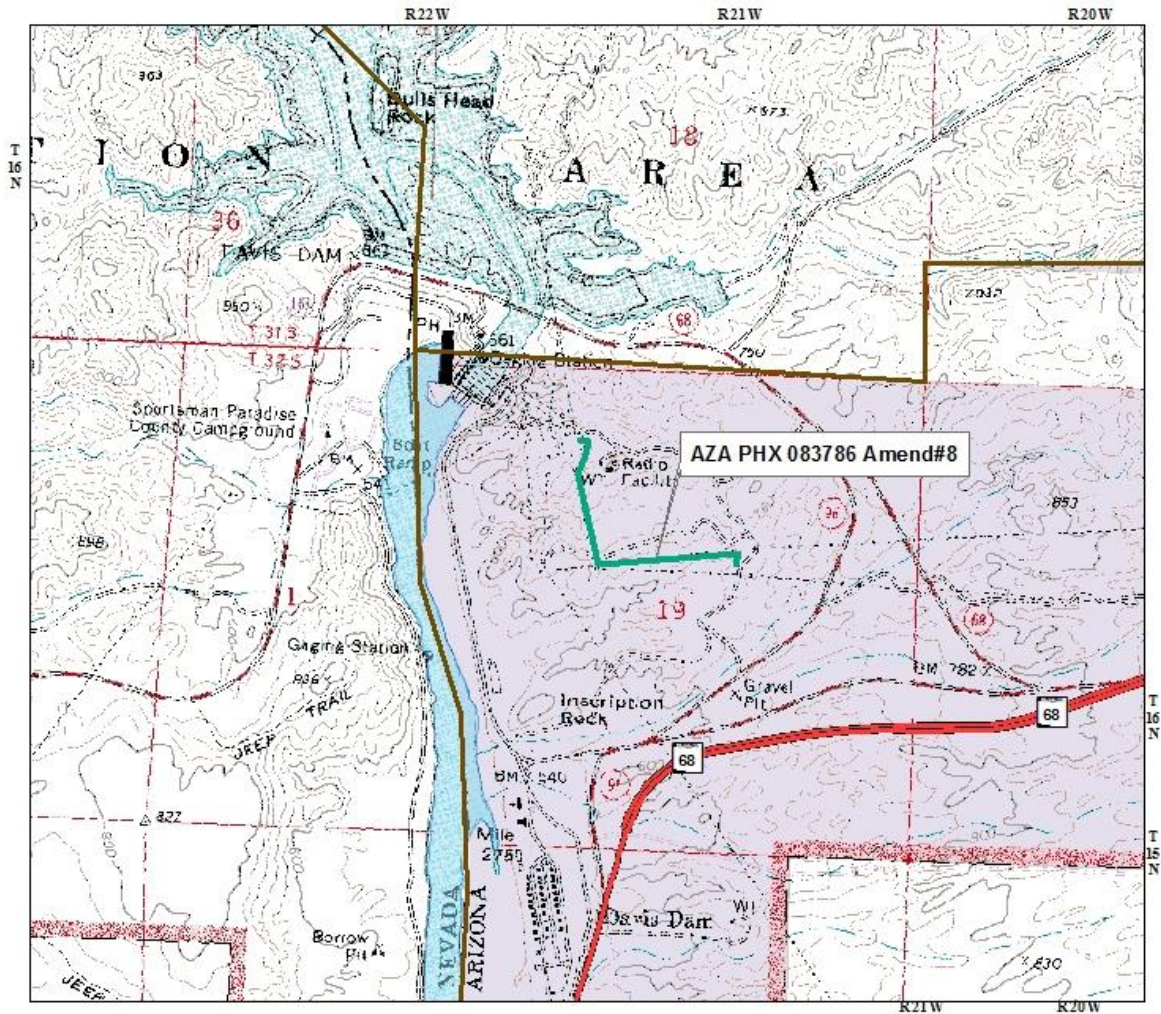
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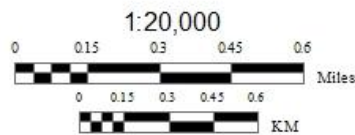
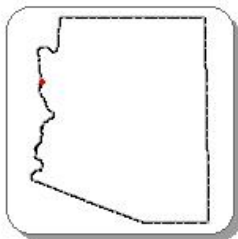
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| Bureau of Land Management (BLM)         | BLM Wilderness Area          |
| USFW Service, National Wildlife Refuges | USFW Service Wilderness Area |
| Indian Lands or Reservations            |                              |
| Private Lands                           |                              |
| State Lands                             |                              |

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Map created on Aug 14, 2009  
Land Status Updated February 20, 2007



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